

The Goddard Dance Club News

January 2005 News

New 6 PM Beginner's Class

Start the New Year's off right! The Beginners Class series offers a new opportunity for people who work at Goddard and want to learn ballroom dances for weddings, reunions, other special events or as a recreational activity. There will be a two-month class for beginners starting at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 5th in the Building 8 Atrium. The dance series will focus on two dances and will cost \$40. Then in subsequent months it will involve the other four most common ballroom dances before repeating that cycle so that people will have plenty of opportunity to learn before going on to the Basic and Intermediate level.

Holiday Dance Success

People like having a catered, dress-up event once in a while and this year was no exception. A hundred people attended our Holiday Dance on December 4th in the newly refurbished Building 8 Auditorium. As usual people started dancing as soon as they arrived between 6:30 and 7:00. The food included shrimp, salmon, beef, chocolate fondue, cakes, pies and cookies. The decorations were great and people enjoyed the music of Tony Luciano and Duane Freter (a.k.a. Fritz), the drummer. Catered food, wonderful music, festive decorations and ideal dancing conditions make the GDC Holiday Dance something very special, particularly for those of us who like to dress up. Make sure to reserve the first Saturday in December 2005 for this dance next year.

2005 Elections

The mail election for officers for 2005 was completed December 31st. Of the possible 47 GEWA-recognized eligible voters (badged employees, retired civil servants or their family members), 22 ballots were returned. The results were John Barker for President, Martha O'Bryan for Vice-President and Ed Gaddy for Treasurer. The position of Secretary is still open. The overwhelmingly positive response by members indicated great appreciation for the outstanding job that has been done by the current officers and the belief that we can expect the same in the year to come. Many thanks to our Parliamentarian, Paul McGeney (301-286-6499), for conducting the election.

Volunteers Needed

Membership in the GDC is conditional on volunteering in some way. GEWA has sanctioned the GDC use of the government facilities, however, we still need member participation for activities such as setup or cleanup. Currently people are also needed to fill the roles of secretary, membership, and newsletter editor. If you would like to volunteer to help support the Club in one of these functions or if you would like additional information, please contact John Barker, (h) 301-431-2626, (w) 301-614-6610, John.L.Barker@nasa.gov.

Special Events

The 2004 Halloween Dance was a smashing success. Everyone dressed in costume and the winners of the costume contest were Maureen and Terry Babb. Pictures are available on the Goddard Dance Club web site, <http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm> click on the link for Special Events.

Our Holiday Dinner Dance on December 4, 2004 was also a huge success. Wonderful music, extraordinary food and festive decorations, made the dance extra special.

The New Year's Eve Pot Luck Dinner Dance was also well attended, with over 60 people ringing in the New Year at Goddard.

Special Events 2005

Pot Luck dances for 2005 will be held on first and third Saturdays each month from 7:00 to 10:00 PM (except for October and December – see dates below). Here is a list of upcoming dances:

January 15, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Oct. 29 (Halloween Dance at the Rash's), Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec. 31

Feel free to invite guests. Everyone is welcome. However, please make sure that everyone you invite is included on the guest list. To pass Goddard security, members and guests must be U. S. citizens and have a picture ID. Contact Kate Perrie (h) 410-757-1185, kate.perrie2@comcast.net or Martha O'Bryan (h) 301-574-3349, (w) 301-286-1412, martha.obryan@gsfc.nasa.gov. The guest list will be submitted to Goddard Security on the Tuesday before the event. Unfortunately, we will not be able to add any names to the list once the list is submitted to the Security office, so please be sure to contact Kate Perrie by the Tuesday prior to the event.

Thank You to Ron Ghosh

Over the years we have been very fortunate that several people have taken major responsibilities in the Club, including all the current officers. Our Treasurer Ron Ghosh has moved to a terrific new job at The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Since he is no longer an on-site badged employee, he is not eligible under GEWA rules to continue as a Club officer. There is no way to adequately thank Ron, and of course the other officers, for their past and on-going support of the Club. That is why it is such a vibrant organization. We wish Ron well in his new endeavors and express our deepest appreciation for the support he has given us. Our secretary Ed Gaddy will be assuming the responsibilities of Treasurer, and therefore we are looking for a badged employee to volunteer to be secretary.

Events Around Town

- Goddard Dance Club, Goddard Space Flight Center, Building 8 Auditorium, dances for 2005 are listed on page one of this newsletter. Contact Martha O'Bryan 301-286-1412 or 301-574-3349, or contact John Barker 301-614-6610 or 301-431-2626, or visit our club web sites (Goddard internal web site and Goddard Dance Club instructors public access web site <http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm> or <http://www.chipatwood.com> respectively).
- Davidsonville Dance Club, Davidsonville, Maryland. Ballroom dancing on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Contact Dana O'Hara 410-741-1356, <http://davidsonvilledanceclub.org/>
- Wheaton Ballroom Dance Club, Saturday night dances with live bands, 8:30 to 12:30 PM. Contact Ralph Krause 301-530-4790.
- Hollywood Ballroom, Silver Spring Maryland. Ballroom dancing on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday. Call 301-622-5494 or <http://www.hollywoodballroom.com/>.
- The Promenade Baltimore's Premier Dancesport Facility, 2605 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suites L-P, Baltimore Maryland, 410-277-0234, <http://www.mddancesport.com/>.
- Special Dance Weekends are offered several times per year. For more information and for brochures, contact Shirley Gamber spgamber@starpower.net.

Visit the Goddard Dance Club web sites at
<http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm>
<http://www.chipatwood.com>

Goddard Closing Status Codes

To find out the Goddard Space Flight Center's current status, call 301-286-NEWS (301-286-6397). ***Unless otherwise noted, the Center stands at Code Green status (Center is open - normal operation).*** The only time Dance Club events will be canceled is if the Center is in CODE RED status.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list please email a Club officer or respond to:

Goddard Dance Club
 PO Box 173
 Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Club Officers & Officials for 2005

President	John Barker	(h) 301-431-2626 (w) 301-614-6610 barkers@earthlink.net John.L.Barker@nasa.gov
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Web Site Administrator	Martha O'Bryan	(as above)
Special Events Committee Chair,	Kate Perrie	(h) 410-757-1185 kate.perrie2@comcast.net
Special Events Committee Co-Chair	Billie Byard	(w) 301-429-2581, (h) 410-757-9433 bbyard@qssgroupinc.com or billiebyard@comcast.net
Parliamentarian	Paul McCeney	(w) 301-286-6499 Paul.J.McCeney@nasa.gov

GDC Board Meetings are scheduled quarterly. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2005, at 5:45 p.m, in Building 20, Room C139, followed by dinner at a local restaurant at about 8 PM. All members are encouraged to attend or contact your Class Rep if you have suggestions for improving the activities offered by the Dance Club.

People are needed for:

Membership
 Newsletter

Goddard Dance Club Policies

Membership is open to current, former and retired NASA/Goddard civil servants and contractors, their guests; and former members of the Club. Guests must be U.S. citizens. Membership is required to register for dance classes. Dues are \$10/year.

This is a volunteer Club. Members are asked to arrive early to remove chairs and tables from the floor, and/or stay afterwards to put chairs and tables back in place for official work at NASA. If you are physically unable to do this, please speak to the Class Rep or a Club Officer about volunteering to help in some other way.

The Club reserves the right to cancel any class with fewer than 14 students. In the event of inclement weather, call 301-286-NEWS to determine if the Center has been closed.

Goddard Dance Club Classes with Chip Atwood

All Classes in Building 8 Auditorium

Beginner's Ballroom Dance Class

2-Month Wednesday series, January 5 to February 23, 2005

Dances will include two of the following: Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Cha Cha, Tango, and Rumba
6:00 – 7:30 Wednesday, Building 8 Auditorium; \$40 per person for the 2-Month series

Basic Ballroom Dance Class

2-Month Wednesday series, January 5 to February 23, 2005 featuring Rumba and Quickstep

Next Series: Wednesday, March 2 to April 27, 2005

Other dances will include Waltz, Swing, Hustle, Mambo, Merengue, Foxtrot, Cha Cha, etc. as requested by participants

Rep.: Sam Floyd (w) 301-286-1683, (h) 410-381-4799, Samuel.R.Floyd@nasa.gov

Asst. Rep.: Billie Byard, (w) 301-429-2581, (h) 410-757-9433, bbyard@qssgroupinc.com or billiebyard@comcast.net

7:30 – 9:30 Wednesday, Building 8 Auditorium

\$60 per person for the 2-Month series

Intermediate-I Ballroom Class

2-Month Monday series January 3 to February 28, 2005

Next Series: March 7 to April 25, 2005

7:30 – 8:30 Monday, Building 8 Auditorium

\$40 per person for series (Intermediate I only)

\$60 per person for both Intermediate-I and Intermediate-II classes for the 2-Month series

Rep.: Ed Gaddy (w) 301-286-1338, (h) 301-390-5115, Edward.M.Gaddy@nasa.gov; egaddy@comcast.net

Intermediate-II Ballroom Class

2-Month Monday series January 3 to February 28, 2005

Next Series: March 7 to April 25, 2005

8:30 – 9:30 Monday, Building 8 Auditorium

\$40 per person for series (Intermediate II only)

Monday	January	February	March	April	May	June
7:30	Mambo	Swing	Waltz	Hustle	Tango	Triple Swing
8:30	West Coast Swing	Mambo	Swing	Waltz	Hustle	Tango

Sunday Night Ballroom Practice and Dance Variations Class

Sunday class instruction will include all levels of dancers

Sunday class starts with beginning material and includes some intermediate material

2-Month Sunday series, January 2 to February 27, 2005

Next Series: March 6 to April 24, 2005

Classes Schedule:

1/2/2005 Merengue

2/6/2005 Peabody

1/9/2005 Review Mambo

2/13/2005 Peabody

1/16/2005 Waltz

2/20/2005 Review Waltz

1/23/2005 Waltz

2/27/2005 Polka

1/30/2005 Rev Merengue

3/6/2005 Polka

Dance Variations Class 6:00-7:00 PM and Dance Practice 7:00 –9:00 PM

Rep.: John Barker, (h) 301-431-2626, (w) 301-614-6610, barkers@earthlink.net, John.L.Barker@nasa.gov

Asst. Rep.: Kathy Bennett, (h) 410-923-6778, KBenn26@aol.com

\$60 per 2-Month Class and/or Practice

\$10 Single Night Class and/or Practice (50% discount for members taking another class series)

**For more information, visit <http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm>
or visit <http://www.chipatwood.com>**

2005 Membership

Goddard Dance Club (GDC)

Building 8 Auditorium, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Email _____ Work Email _____

Goddard Mail Code _____ On-Site at Goddard (Yes or No) _____

☐ Check if you would like a hardcopy of Newsletter in addition to an email copy

☐ Check if this form is for correction of information in Membership Database

Type of Membership (Check only one)

☐ A NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

☐ AF Family Member of NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

☐ B Retired NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

☐ BF Family Member of Retired NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

☐ C On-Site Contractor (Minimum of 20 hrs/wk on a GSFC Contract and on "LISTS")

☐ CF Family Member of Current On-Site Contractor

☐ D Off-Site Contractor (Minimum of 20 hrs/wk on a GSFC Contract and on "LISTS")

☐ DF Family Member of Current Off-Site Contractor

☐ E Guest of _____ (name of member)

☐ F Guest Member Renewal: Last year of Membership was _____

Goddard Dance Club Membership is required to take classes: \$10 per calendar year, \$5 after 31 August

☐ Paid by check to the "Goddard Dance Club"

☐ Paid by cash

☐ My partner's payment includes my membership fee. Partner's name: _____

I agree to be responsible for my own well being and waive all rights and claims for damages that I may have against the Goddard Dance Club or instructors. I understand this is a volunteer organization and my use of government facilities is conditional upon my either helping setup and/or cleanup of the auditorium, or helping in other ways with the functioning of the Club. I recognize that this is a limited access government facility and agree to only park and go to appropriate places for the GDC dances.

Signature _____ Date _____

If paying by mail, send this form and check to:

Goddard Dance Club
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Glenn Dale, MD 20769